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For : POROUS SINTERED BODY OF CALCIUM PHOSPHATE-BASED CERAMIC  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Patent Number 3058174 (accompanied by an English language abstract and a copy of family member U.S. Patent No. 5,171,720 to Kawakami), which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at p. 2, second paragraph;

U.S. Patent No. 4,798,585 to Inoue et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 4,919,751 to Sumita et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,017,518 to Hirayama et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,030,611 to Ogawa et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,055,307 to Tsuru et al.;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,064,436 to Ogiso et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,158,756 to Ogawa et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,215,941 to Yasukawa; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,203,574 to Kawamura.

Copies of the above cited documents are provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,021 entitled, "Sustained Release Drug Carrier, and Method for Manufacturing Sustained Release Drug Carrier" in the name of A. MATSUSHIMA et al.; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/450,511 entitled, "Ceramic Composite and Manufacturing Method Thereof" in the name of Hideo K. ARAI et al..

Copies of the foregoing specifications are provided herewith.

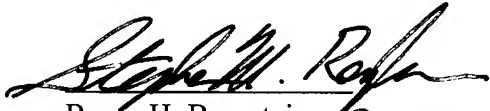
The Examiner is requested to consider the aforementioned documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first Official Action on the merits.

Since this disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date, Applicant respectfully submits that no fee should be necessary for consideration of these documents. However, if the Office determines that a fee is necessary for consideration of these documents, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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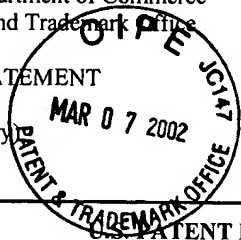
  
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